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SEMIMONTHLY TAX RETURNS

Manufacturers of tobacco products
and others concerned:

The purpose of this circular is to give you advance information concerning changes being made in return periods, and the times for filing returns, covering deferred payment of taxes by manufacturers of tobacco products.

A change is being made in the periods to be covered by semimonthly returns for the deferred payment of taxes, so that each period will fall wholly within a calendar month. A change is also being made so that there may be a two-step increase in the period of time that payment of taxes may be deferred.

The change to the new return period system will be made by providing a short transitional period to run from September 24 through September 30, 1965. Your return, with remittance, for this period must be filed not later than October 5, 1965 (unless October 1, 4, or 5 is a statewide legal holiday in the State in which your return is required to be filed).

After this transitional period, the return periods will run from the first day of each month through the 15th day of that month, and from the 16th day of each month through the last day of that month. Also, if you are qualified for extended deferral, your returns, with remittances, for periods starting after September 30, 1965, and continuing through the period ending June 30, 1966, may be filed as late as the 10th calendar day after the close of each period; and commencing with the period starting after June 30, 1966, not later than the last day of the return period next succeeding the period covered by the return. If you are not qualified for extended deferral, your returns and remittances must be filed as at present; that is, within three business days. In any case, however, the new return periods will be followed beginning with the month of October.

If you wish to become qualified for extended deferral, you must either furnish an extension of coverage, Form 2105, of your existing bond to cover the extended deferral, or furnish a new bond on Form 3070.

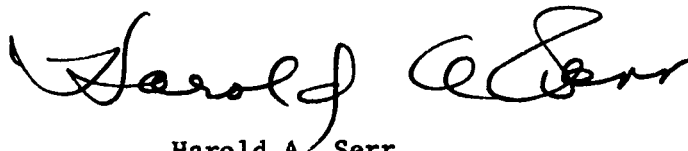
The new regulations will not require you to file any additional bonds or any additional extensions of coverage if you do not wish to utilize the option of extended deferral.

Where qualification for extended deferral is to be accomplished through the filing of an extension of coverage, the extension of coverage may be made retroactively effective to the beginning of a return period if it is filed with and approved by your assistant regional commissioner before the expiration of the three-day filing time for that period. However, if a new bond is filed it may not be made retroactive, and it must be filed with and approved by your assistant regional commissioner before the commencement of the first return period for which it is to be effective.

These changes will be implemented by a Treasury decision which will add a new Subpart E to the regulations in 26 CFR Part 296.

Form 3071, Tax Return - Manufacturer of Tobacco Products, is being revised to make it compatible with the new tax return periods. Until this revision is accomplished and the revised form is issued for use, you are requested to file your tax returns on the February 1965 revision of Form 3071. The beginning and ending dates of the period to be covered by the return should be entered in Item 6 on the return form. The quantities of tobacco products removed subject to tax during the period should be entered in Column (d), and Columns (b) and (c) should be ignored. Any supplies of Form 3071 revised prior to February 1965 that may be in your possession should be destroyed.

Inquiries regarding this circular should refer to its number and should be addressed to the office of your Assistant Regional Commissioner, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold A. Serr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harold" being more prominent and the last name "Serr" following in a similar style.

Harold A. Serr
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